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SUBJECT: JAPAN AND PRG

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1. SUMMARY: GOJ JUSTICE MINISTRY DENIED ENTRY TO PRG
DANCE TROUPE. END SUMMARY.

2. GOJ JUSTICE MINISTRY DENIED ENTRY INTO JAPAN TO 15
MEMBER PRG FOLK DANCE TROUPE ON GROUNDS THAT PURPOSE
OF TROUPE'S VISIT NOT RPT NOT FOR HUMANE PURPOSE OR
URGENT NECESSITY. FONOFF (FIRST SEA DEP HEAD KAZUHARA)
CONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS CITING POLITICAL COMMENTS
MADE BY PREVIOUS PRG VISITORS (REF B) AS ADDITIONAL
REASON FOR DENYING VISAS TO DANCE TROUPE AS WAS CASE WITH
PRG DELEGATION TO ATTEND ANTI-NUCLEAR BOMB RALLIES LAST MONTH.
FONOFF AND MINISTRY OF JUSTICE BELIEVED BOTH DELEGATIONS
MIGHT MAKE POLITICAL STATEMENTS.

3. LIKE OTHER TWO DELEGATIONS, DANCE TROUPE MEMBERS PLANNED
TO TRAVEL ON DRV PASSPORTS, LISTED SIMPLY AS CITIZENS OF
"VIETNAM". APPLICATION FOR VISAS HANDLED BY JAPAN-
VIETNAM FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION AND NIPPON DENPA NEWS CO.
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4. GOJ SEIZED ON "POLITICAL STATZGENT" BY ONLY PRG GROUP
THUS FAR PERMITTED TO ENTER JAPAN TO RE-TIGHTEN INTERPRETATION
OF RULES ALLOWING MINISTRY OF JUSTICE DECISION TO GRANT
OR DENY ADMISSION, A PRECEDENT WHICH WOULD PERMIT DENYING
ENTRY, IF DESIRED, EXCAKT FOR VERY SPECIFIC HUMANITARIAN
REASON. POLITICAL STATEMENTS BY RECENT CULTURAL TROUPE
FROM NORTH KOREA ALSO STRENGTHENED GOJ'S HAND.
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